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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to fair, but expected to increase by week's end for holiday needs and first of the month. Food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light. Breast items were more available, but in balance, wings were sufficient, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 80.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 67.50 cents last year on July 2, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	258.00
BREASTS - B/S	262.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	140.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.00
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	119.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate with seasonal interest expected to increase movement. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing schedules for next week are mixed with some plants down Monday for July 4th. In the parts structure, trading was fair, and supplies of all items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best during midweek trading and dealers noted holiday demand as slow in developing. Offerings of all sizes were adequate for current needs. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally adequate. Thighs were at least sufficient and b/s thighs were available. The balance of dark meat cuts and wings were sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued for the most part steady, instances fully steady. Offerings were limited. Trade interest was light to moderate; increased buyer interest noted on last minute fill-in for upcoming holiday weekend. Market activity into the retail sector was irregular, overall light to instances fairly good. Retail demand is anticipated to strengthen over the long holiday weekend and for first of the month. Food service demand was light to mostly good and best into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate. Weights desirable to trending heavier than desired. Trading on parts was limited to as needed basis; best call for leg quarters and whole or boneless/skinless breasts. An occasional offering of breast cuts was noted; wings, leg quarters were sufficient and thighs ample. The market tone was mostly steady on wings, whole and boneless/skinless breasts, cautiously steady to weak on leg quarters and weak on thighs and dark meat.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady overall. Offerings adequate overall with small sized product in the best position. Retailer demand was good best where features in progress to cover combined 4th of July holiday and first-of-the month interest. Floor stocks in good balance.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 06/26/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	211,998	201,877	+05
CHICKS PLACED	174,675	172,446	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 26, 2004. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 26, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 26, 2004 were 4.46 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 07-Aug-04 is estimated at 161.1 million head. This compares to 162.6 million head the previous week and to 162.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.96 cents per pound.

JUNE 29, 2004

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 30, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	857	247.00-334.00	249-252	251.76	BREAST - B/S	862	245.00-334.00	246-249	249.40
TENDERLOINS	193	220.00-280.00	220-225	230.90	TENDERLOINS	228	220.00-280.00	220-225	229.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	135.00-142.00	135-139	138.29	BREAST - LINE RUN	115	135.00-142.00	135-139	137.87
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	76	39.00-58.00	41-43	43.79	LEGS	101	39.00-58.00	39-42	42.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	514	24.00-32.00	28-29	28.26	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	629	24.00-32.00	26-28	27.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,290	26.00-35.00	30-31	30.43	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	931	27.00-37.00	29-31	30.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	93.00-108.00	95-97	97.69	WINGS (WHOLE)	303	93.00-108.00	-	97.69
WINGS (CUT)	548	109.00-119.00	117-119	116.73	WINGS (CUT)	795	109.00-119.00	114-119	116.84
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	39	47.00-60.00	-	51.26
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	102	89.00-135.00	-	105.20	B/S THIGHS	102	83.00-130.00	-	102.75
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.					*****				
RANGE					RANGE				
73.00 - 83.50					72.00 - 83.50				
TODAY'S AVERAGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE				
77.63					76.66				
					5-DAY AVERAGE				
					77.79				

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive during midweek trading, however, dealers were eyeing market developments approaching the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were generally sufficient. Legs and leg quarters were adequate, thighs and b/s thigh meat were available. Retail and distributive draw was limited. The market tone was steady on breast items, about steady on wings, barely steady to weak on thighs and b/s thighs.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. JUNE 29, 2004

CURRENT NEG				WTD	CURRENT NEG				WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	250-255	250.04	420,687		BREAST - B/S	250-255	249.97	544,441	
TENDERLOINS	225	216.92	52,215		TENDERLOINS	225	219.04	102,270	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	135-136	140.85	114,600		BREAST - WITH RIBS	135-136	139.78	154,520	
BREAST - LINE RUN	135	136.62	124,040		BREAST - LINE RUN	135	137.54	167,080	
LEGS	50-51	45.63	263,697		LEGS	50-51	46.27	284,037	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	35.41	354,020		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	34.61	407,194	
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	46.53	142,550		DRUMSTICKS	42-43	51.56	79,560	
THIGHS	40-41	47.02	99,790		THIGHS	39-40	48.52	93,000	
B/S THIGHS	106-107	103.75	39,720		B/S THIGHS	104-105	104.56	48,020	
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	109.70	85,920		WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	104.38	186,520	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	26,080		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.79	37,480	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.23	7,570		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.36	11,000	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.04	19,740		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.27	18,080	

***** INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
ALA	4,033	4,017	3,949	4,830	5.34	5.03	3,880	5.22
ARK	5,473	5,473	5,343	6,722	5.09	4.99	5,401	5.15
DELMARVA	2,267	2,276	2,273	2,886	5.60	5.64	2,208	5.60
KY-LA-TN	2,061	2,079	2,051	2,331	5.10	4.64	2,009	5.01
MISS	3,079	3,063	2,981	3,192	5.27	5.31	3,050	5.43
NC	2,493	2,495	2,324	3,596	6.21	6.09	2,411	6.29
TEXAS	2,426	2,438	2,499	2,511	5.19	5.04	2,522	5.20
TOTAL	21,832	21,841	21,420	26,068	5.35	5.23	21,481	5.37
MON-WED65,378 (A)							64,339 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jun-04 is estimated to be 32,663,000 head up 1.33 percent from a week ago and up 51.41 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,234,000, last year 21,572,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		95-107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		71-81
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
DRY PACK		95
DUCKS		162-185

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-JULY-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/03/04(1)	06/26/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	166,246 (2)	174,174
LT HENS	1,523	1,549
HVY HENS	1,448	1,512
CHECK TOTAL	169,217	177,235

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Jul-04 is 164.2 million head compared to 145.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 2.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Jul-04 the estimated available is 164.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 06/28/04	196,687	57,034
AM 06/01/04	196,039	50,785
CHG	648	6,249
PCT CHG	0	12

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/28/04	06/21/04	06/30/03	06/28/04	06/21/04	06/30/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	9,398	9,221	15,455	4,388	4,567	6,655
LOS ANGELES	366	372	134	2,928	3,069	2,865

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2004

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-72
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 06/29/04**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY				LOW HIGH AVG			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	.75	1.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.70	1.00	.83	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.25	1.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.70	1.00	.87	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	1.50	5.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.30	.94	RABBITS ea.	1.00	3.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.00	3.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	2.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	71						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending June 25, 2004

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	61.40	120.38	72.23	12.04	12.04	40.13
High	63.40	128.41	80.26	16.05	16.05	40.13
Mostly	62.60	128.41	80.26	12.04	16.05	40.13

SAN JUAN

Low	61.40	120.38	72.23	8.03	12.04	40.13
High	63.40	128.41	80.26	16.05	16.05	40.13
Mostly	62.60	120.38	72.23	12.04	16.05	40.13

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	61.40	120.38	72.23	12.04	12.04	40.13
High	63.40	128.41	80.26	16.05	16.05	40.13
Mostly	62.60	128.41	76.24	12.04	12.04	40.13

BECERRA

Low	61.40	120.38	72.23	12.04	12.04	44.14
High	63.40	128.41	80.26	16.05	16.05	44.14
Mostly	62.60	128.41	80.26	16.05	16.05	44.14

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate, and was generally in wait of improved orders for the upcoming holiday weekend. Seller offerings were barely adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 96 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, offerings varied from plant to plant, but were at least adequate overall.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	78-97
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	86.14
NO. OF BOXES	8,114

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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